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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA

Dear Sir:

Applicant agrees that the claims are patentable. However, after four office actions, an appeal, a victory at the Board for Applicant followed by an unfortunate reopening of prosecution, and multiple differing and shifting grounds for rejection, the record as a whole is mature and developed, rendering a statement of reasons for allowance at this late stage of prosecution superfluous under Rule 104(e).

Accordingly, it must not be presumed that Applicant acquiesces in the examiner's characterizations. While Applicant agrees that the selected claim limitations mentioned in the statement render the claims patentable over the cited references, Applicant cautions that the claims as a whole define the invention and that the language of the claims, when read in light of the specification, controls. Thus, to the extent that any prejudice ever arises against Applicant from the examiner's statement, Applicant does not acquiesce in said prejudice.

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